

RULES AND REGULATIONS
AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
REVISED: FEBRUARY 1997

Purpose: These rules are established as written guidelines for the use of City of Austin parks, wildlife preserves and recreational facilities. (City Code, Chapter 11-1). These rules are intended to secure and preserve the fullest enjoyment of parks and recreational facilities to a wide range of park patrons. Failure to abide by these rules shall be cause for removal. The commission of offenses under local ordinances or state laws shall be cause for arrest.

Applicability: These rules apply to and in all parks, wildlife preserves and recreational facilities or areas belonging to the City or managed by or under authority of the City. Wildlife preserves may be restricted access facilities, open only for limited recreational uses. These rules shall not apply to City, State or Federal agents or officials in the performance of official duties.

1.01 USE OF PARK FACILITIES

Park facilities generally are available for public use on a first-come, first-served basis except for areas that require entrance or other fees, or that have previously been reserved.

- A. Entrance or Use Fees - Patrons shall not enter or use any park area, wildlife preserve or facility for which an entrance or use fee has been established, unless each person has first paid the fee or is otherwise authorized to enter. Entrance permits or passes shall be displayed to gate or entrance attendants on request. (City Code, Sections 11-1-6, 10-1-17)
- B. Reservation Fees - Patrons shall not use or occupy a facility or area for which a reservation fee has been paid, when such use conflicts with the use by persons holding the reservation. Reservations shall be made in accordance with the Department's reservation policies. Confirmation of reservation shall be displayed on request to City employees charged with the supervision or patrolling of parks.

1.02. OCCUPANCY LIMIT

The Parks and Recreation Department may establish and post maximum occupancies for any park area, wildlife preserve or facility.

- A. Patrons shall not enter into or remain in an area or facility for which an occupancy limit has been established when such action will have the effect of exceeding the established occupancy limits.

1.03 ASSEMBLY

Organizers intending to conduct assemblies or public demonstrations on parkland must provide 24 hours notice to the Parks and Recreation Department by calling the Director's office, 499-6717, if the expected crowd will exceed 60. Assemblies or public demonstrations are permissible except where such an activity will disrupt or interfere with scheduled events, or prevent or be inconsistent with the intended use of park facilities at the proposed site of assembly.

1.04 CLOSED AREA(S)

- A. The City Manager or his designee may close park areas, wildlife preserves or facilities to public entry or otherwise restrict use until such time as the area or facility can be made available for public use.
- B. Except in emergency circumstances, notice of closure shall be posted and patrons shall not enter closed or restricted areas.
- C. Patrons shall not enter areas closed due to flooding or which are areas that are the subject of a flood ban. (City Code, Section 14-2-23)

**1.05 DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR AND EJECTION FROM PARK AND WILDLIFE
PRESERVE FACILITIES**

- A. Patrons engaged in disruptive, destructive or hazardous conduct may be warned and asked to stop such conduct immediately by any park attendant. Under circumstances where a patron's conduct is unlawful, or poses an imminent threat of injury or prevents the public enjoyment of the park or wildlife preserve, or facility, park attendants may eject such patrons by any reasonable means, including arrest. (City Code, Section 11-1-1)

1.06 VENDING

- A. Persons shall not conduct the commercial sale or offer to sell any goods, wares, drinks, food or items nor render or offer to render any service for hire, at any park, wildlife preserve or facility except as authorized by contract, or permit properly issued by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. Persons conducting charitable solicitations shall have complied with the requirements of Chapter 8-5 of the City Code.

1.07 METAL DETECTORS

The use of metal detectors in City parks and wildlife preserves without a permit is prohibited.

1.08 ABANDONED OR UNATTENDED PROPERTY

- A. No person shall abandon a vehicle or other personal property at any park facility or wildlife preserve. Abandoned property shall be removed, impounded, and sold in conformance to City ordinances or state laws or as may be determined by the City.
- B. No person shall leave a vehicle, boat, barge, or other property unattended at any park facility or wildlife preserve in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition, or to be in violation of a park curfew. Such property may be removed to a safe place or impounded. (City Code, Chapter 10-3, Section 11-1-5)

1.09 PEACE AND QUIET

- A. Patrons shall preserve the peace and quiet enjoyment of the parks and/or wildlife preserves by observing all ordinances and state laws governing noise and amplified sound.
 - 1. Patrons shall not use offensive language, make unreasonable noise, discharge weapons or fireworks, or engage in offensive gestures or conduct constituting disorderly conduct under state law (Texas Penal Code 42.01).
 - 2. Patrons shall not operate noise-making devices in violation of local ordinances prohibiting unreasonable noise or requiring a sound amplification permit. (City Code Chapter 10-5).
- B. Patrons shall observe and comply with noise restrictions posted at individual facilities.

(Reference: Texas Penal Code, Section 42.01)

1.10 WEAPONS AND FIREARMS

- A. Patrons shall not carry or possess weapons or firearms while in park facilities or wildlife preserves except;
 - 1. in those facilities where usage is appropriate,
 - 2. as allowed by state and federal gun laws.
 - 3. when otherwise authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. The use of firearms, air guns, pellet or B.B. guns, bows and arrows or projectile devices capable of inflicting personal injury is prohibited unless conducted under permit or in an authorized park facility. (City Code Sections 10-1-4, 10-1-5, 14-1-6).
- C. No patron may display a firearm or other weapon at any park facility or wildlife preserve in a manner calculated to alarm or threaten anyone.
(Texas Penal Code 42.01)

1.11 WILDLIFE

All wildlife within the boundaries of any Austin Parks and Recreation Department park facility and wildlife preserve is protected. No person may harm, harass, hunt, trap or remove any animal, including mammals, fish, insects, birds, reptiles, or other living creature from any park facility or wildlife preserve except upon written approval of the Parks and Recreation Department. (City Code 10-1-6)

This section shall not apply where fishing is permitted, by an individual in possession of a valid Texas fishing license.

1.12 PLANT LIFE

All plant life within the boundaries of any Austin Parks and Recreation Department park facility and wildlife preserve is protected. Patrons shall not willfully mutilate, injure, destroy, thrash, or remove any live tree, shrub, vine, wildflower, grass, sedge, fern, moss lichen, fungus or any other member of the plant kingdom or portion thereof, except upon approval by the Parks and Recreation Department. No person shall collect or harvest dead wood or plants, or portions thereof, except upon written approval. The collecting of pecan nuts on the ground is allowed; the thrashing of pecan trees is prohibited. (Texas Rev. Civ. Statutes 6143.1)

1.13 NATURAL RESOURCES

All sites, objects, buildings, artifacts, implements, and locations of historical, archaeological, geologic, scientific or educational interest of every character located in, on, or under the surface of any park facility and wildlife preserve are protected.

No person may remove, excavate, take, dig into, or destroy any site, object, building, artifact, implement or location of archaeological, geological, scientific or historical interest without having permits as required by the State of Texas Natural Resources Codes, and without having permission of the Parks and Recreation Department.

1.14 ANIMALS

- A. Persons bringing pets or other animals into outdoor park areas shall keep them under confinement or direct control. Leads on leashes used to control animals shall not be more than six feet long. Dogs may be allowed to be without a leash in designated areas, provided that each dog remains under immediate personal supervision and command.
- B. Patrons shall not permit a pet or other animal to remain unattended or create a disturbance or a hazard.
- C. No person shall permit a pet animal in the water of a swimming pool or designated swim area, and no person shall permit a pet animal, except for an animal trained in assisting handicapped or disabled persons, within the land area or beach area adjacent to the water of a swimming pool or designated swim area.
- D. Patrons shall not bring into, or permit to range at any park facility or wildlife preserve, domestic fowl, horse, swine, sheep, goat, or other livestock except upon approval by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- E. Patrons shall not ride, drive, lead or keep a horse at any park facility or wildlife preserve, except on a horseback riding trail, so designated and posted by the Parks and Recreation Department and except as authorized under contract, approved reservation or permit.
- F. No person may ride a horse in a manner that is dangerous to any person or animal at any park facility or wildlife preserve.
- G. Patrons shall not hitch a saddle horse to a tree, shrub, or structure in any manner that causes damage.
- H. Except for an animal trained to assist the disabled, pets and animals shall not be brought into designated wildlife preserves. Trained animals utilized by employees and agents of the City of Austin in reasonable discharge of their duties are permitted.

(Reference: City of Austin Code, Section 3-1-3.)

1.15 FIRES, SMOKING, FIREWOOD OR FIREWORKS

- A. No person may light, build, or maintain a fire on any of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department park facilities or wildlife preserves, except in a facility or device provided, maintained or designated for such purposes, or as authorized by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. Portable camp stoves or portable barbecue grills of metal construction may be used in designated campsites or picnic areas.
- C. Campfires shall be allowed only in approved locations and under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Director or park supervisors. Campfires shall be attended at all times by an adult until fully extinguished.
- D. During periods of extreme fire hazard, the Director may prohibit or restrict fires and smoking in designated areas.
- E. No person may cut, gather, or collect wood or other combustible material at any Austin Parks and Recreation Department park facility or wildlife preserve, for use as firewood or fuel, except for material designated for this purpose by the Parks and Recreation Department.
- F. The possession or use of any kind of firework, except by permit, is prohibited in all parks and wildlife preserves.

1.16 **CAMPING AND OVERNIGHT USE**

A. No person may camp at any Austin Parks and Recreation Department park facility or wildlife preserve, except as authorized by permit and only in areas designated or marked for that purpose. Camping is defined as:

1. Occupying a designated camping facility
2. Erecting a tent or arranging bedding, or both, for the purpose of, or in such a manner as will permit remaining overnight.
3. Use of a trailer, camper, or other vehicle for the purpose of sleeping overnight.

B. Camping Time limit

1. To afford all the public a wider use of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department's camping facilities, continuous occupancy of camping facilities by the same person or persons in a park is limited to 14 consecutive calendar days.
2. The Department may establish an alternate time limit for continuous occupancy of a facility or facilities by the same person or persons in a park, or in a designated portion of a park, when necessary to achieve maximum utilization of the park, or designated portion, by all the public.
3. When a person has used the camping facilities in a park for a period of time greater than seven consecutive days and voluntarily vacates or is required to vacate the facilities, he may not again use the overnight camping facilities in the same park until a time period has elapsed between his date of departure and date of re-entry, which time period includes a minimum time from 2 p.m. Friday until 2 p.m. Sunday. This provision shall not prevent the camp staff from re-admitting the camper if adequate camping spaces are available.

C. Persons under the age of 18 years authorized to be in a park facility between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. shall be accompanied or supervised by an adult. The ratio of adults to minors shall not be less than one adult for every eight minors.

1.17 **MOTOR VEHICLES**

No person may operate a motor vehicle at any park facility or wildlife preserve, except upon roads, driveways, parking areas, and areas designated open to motor vehicles except as authorized by the Department. (City Code Section 16-1-15)

1.18 **PARKING**

- A. No person shall park a motor vehicle on parkland or wildlife preserve except in designated areas, or within twelve feet of a public park road, if not otherwise prohibited.
- B. No person may park, store or leave a vehicle or trailer in areas posted "restricted" or with "no parking" signs.
- C. A vehicle or trailer parked in such a manner as to create a hazardous or unsafe condition may be impounded, consistent with City Ordinance and State Law.

1.19 **TRAIL USE**

- A. No person may operate or use a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, a motorbike, mini-bike, or a bicycle on a trail or path not designated for use with such vehicles.
- B. On the Hike and Bike trails, bicyclists shall yield to joggers, joggers to walkers.
- C. Trail users on the Hike and Bike trails should not be more than two abreast when this action will impede other traffic on the trail. Trail users should leave ample room on the trail for other users to pass safely.
- D. Bicyclists should maintain bicycles in good condition and should operate them in a safe, manner at a prudent speed. All bicycles shall be equipped with properly functioning brakes.
- E. Unless otherwise posted, all portions of the Hike and Bike trails are designated as Bicycle Speed Zones and shall be identified by signage. Bicyclists shall not travel faster than 10 Miles Per Hour in areas designated as Bicycle Speed Zones.

1.20 **ADHERENCE TO PARK SIGNS**

All persons shall comply with the signs and markers installed by the Department.

1.21 INSTALLATION OF WATER SKI COURSES ON CITY LAKES

The installation of a water ski slalom course, water ski jump, or similar course(s) or device(s) on or in the waters of Lake Austin, Town Lake, or Lake Walter E. Long (Decker Lake), or the tributaries thereof, shall be only as approved by the Department.

1.22 ALCOHOL

Unless authorized by the Director, the sale, possession with intent to sell or the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the following areas:

1. Within enclosed areas of swimming or wading pools
2. In recreation centers and adjacent grounds
3. Within the playing boundaries of athletic fields
4. In school parks
5. In those areas designated by the Director

(City Code Section 11-1-4)

1.23 GLASS CONTAINERS

Except as allowed below, glass containers are prohibited

1. Within enclosed areas at swimming or wading pools
2. In recreation centers and adjacent grounds
3. In school parks
4. In athletic fields
5. In those areas designated and marked by the Director
6. On any lake, river, stream, shoreline or beach

The following glass containers are allowed:

- (1) Glass-lined vacuum bottles and glass-lined picnic beverage coolers;
- (2) Baby bottles or baby food jars containing products for consumption by a baby;
- (3) Drug glass containers containing over the counter or prescribed drugs; and
- (4) Glass containers which require a deposit.

(Reference: City of Austin Code, Section 11-1-9.)

1.24 PERFORMING ARTISTS IN PARKS

Individuals may perform as artists or entertainers in any City park within the following guidelines:

- A. May not block sidewalks or in any way impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic circulation.
- B. May not be within 100 feet of existing park concessions.
- C. May set up at special events only with written permission of event organizer.
- D. Amplified sound is prohibited.
- E. Juggling of potentially hazardous materials or items such as knives or fire is prohibited.
- F. Any money exchanged should be on a "tips" or donation basis only.
- G. Entertainers should carry a copy of the letter of approval from the Parks and Recreation Department permitting their performance art. The letter is to be available on request by any park attendant or employee charged with patrolling or supervising park use.

1.25 SPECIAL RULES FOR SPECIFIC PARK FACILITIES

Each park facility and wildlife preserve may develop rules and regulations that address problems specific to that facility, which shall be in writing and approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation. Patrons shall comply with all rules and regulations posted at individual facilities or for special events.

INFORMATION PACKET
for the

CREEK BEND FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT
(PHASE 1B)
CIP Project No. 485-617-5010



City of Austin
Department of Public Works and Transportation

on behalf of the
Drainage Utility Department

JANUARY 1997

INTRODUCTION

The Department of Public Works and Transportation, on behalf of the Drainage Utility Department, is proposing to construct the Creek Bend Flood Control project, Phase 1B, CIP Project No. 485-617-5010. In conjunction with this project, Public Works is requesting authorization pursuant to Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code to build a portion of the project across parkland.

The area along the southern banks of Williamson Creek is part of the City of Austin's greenbelt system of parkland and is located within the existing floodplain which is used for drainage but no formal drainage easement or use agreement is in place. The proposed drainage use agreement (2661,116 square feet/5.99 acres) varies in width (Appendix "A"), out of Santiago Del Valle Grant and also out of a 24.67 acre tract of land having been conveyed to the City of Austin by deed recorded in Volume 6998, Page 1292, of Travis County, Texas. Granting a Drainage Use Agreement will formalize this situation.

PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION

Located northwest of the intersection of South Pleasant Valley Road and William Cannon Drive, the Creek Bend neighborhood is surrounded by Williamson Creek and its tributaries. The main channel of Williamson Creek is located along the southern edge of the subdivision and two tributaries form the western and northern boundaries. A tributary of Onion Creek, Williamson Creek has a drainage area of approximately 26 square miles where it crosses under South Pleasant Valley Road. The neighborhood and local study area encompasses approximately 200 acres, including the adjacent terraces on both sides of Williamson Creek and the area east of South Pleasant Valley Road to Williamson Creek, as shown in Figure 1-1.

PROJECT NEED AND JUSTIFICATION

According to the 1991 update of the Williamson Creek Master Plan, the project area includes 163 properties in the 100-year floodplain and 52 properties in the floodway. (The floodway is the area within the 100-year floodplain with the highest stream velocities and, therefore, the greatest risk of extensive property damage and threat to public safety.) Flooding from Williamson Creek onto area streets and homes occurs during storm events as small as the 2-year return period storm. Residents of the Creek Bend neighborhood have been subjected to significant flooding in June of 1981 and again in December of 1991. During the 100-year event, floodwaters are projected to

inundate an area including Teewood Drive, Creek Bend Drive, Brassiewood Drive, Nesting Way, and portions of Softwood Drive, Dove Springs Drive, Flicker Lane, and South Pleasant Valley Road. Obstructions to flow within the main stem of Williamson Creek include the houses, fences and other obstructions within the residential areas, as well as dense vegetation and undergrowth along the south bank. Larger flood flows are also constricted by the South Pleasant Valley Road bridge immediately downstream of the Creek Bend neighborhood.

Additionally, there are low-lying areas along Teewood Drive and Creek Bend Drive which are subject to flooding from local sources during smaller storms due to an inadequate subdivision drainage system. The subdivision was constructed during the 1970's with few storm drains and inlets, inefficient slotted drains and undersized culverts at drainage crossings.

As a result of the recurrent flooding problems, the City of Austin completed a study titled "Creek Bend Neighborhood, Williamson Creek Floodplain Study" in December of 1992. In July 1993, the City went on to select K LW, Inc. to provide the professional engineering services necessary to more fully analyze the existing flooding problems and recommend alternatives to mitigate the threat of future flooding. The preliminary engineering study was completed in September 1994.

ALTERNATIVES AND PHASING

In the initial project study, City staff considered the alternatives listed below. Due to a variety of factors, alternatives 1 through 7 were determined to be of limited value.

1. Land Use Changes
2. Floodproofing
3. Flood Warning System Improvements
4. Stream Relocation
5. Stream Enclosure
6. Detention Facilities
7. By-Pass Tunnel
8. Property Acquisition
9. Channelization
10. Levees

KLW, Inc. continued the project planning efforts with a preliminary engineering study to further consider alternatives. Potential components or options were screened prior to detailed analyses

based on hydrologic and hydraulic feasibility, implementation costs, construction difficulties, environmental impacts, public acceptance, and the level of flood control protection provided. Given these criteria, more detailed analyses were performed which considered combinations of the following components in developing overall flood control alternatives:

1. By-pass tunnels (two options)
2. Property acquisition
3. Vegetation clearing
4. Improvements of the storm drainage system in the neighborhood
5. Channel improvements upstream of Creek Bend Drive
6. Overflow channels parallel to Williamson Creek (two options)
7. Enlargement of South Pleasant Valley Road bridge (two options)
8. Levees and/or floodwalls between Williamson Creek and the neighborhood (three options)

No alternative to remove all structures from the 100-year floodplain was identified which could be implemented with available funding. Therefore, phasing of proposed improvements was considered such that currently proposed solutions are compatible with a subsequent second phase of improvements.

Phase I of the recommended plan includes; clearing of vegetation and removal of several small man-made obstructions in Williamson Creek (completed in 1994); acquisition of property and removal of sixteen duplexes along Teewood Drive (completed in 1996); improvement of the local storm drainage system; construction of a concrete floodwall along the rear of properties at the western end of Creek Bend Drive; and limited channel improvements (required to offset the constriction of flow caused by the floodwall, and to control erosion and scouring along the main stem of Williamson Creek). The properties acquired are contiguous to the Williamson Creek Greenbelt, and are proposed to be added to the greenbelt upon completion of Phase I improvements.

Phase II of the recommended plan is not funded. Phase II improvements if implemented would acquire additional properties and remove eleven houses along Teewood Drive and Creek Bend Drive, vacate Teewood Drive, extend the concrete floodwall with an earthen levee from the west end of Teewood Drive to Creek Bend Place, and enlarge the South Pleasant Valley Road bridge.

Final design of the Phase I improvements has proceeded with input from residents of the Creek Bend neighborhood, the Environmental Board and the Planning Commission, and City staff of the Water & Wastewater Utility, the Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department, and the Department of Planning.

ESTIMATED COST AND SCHEDULE

The overall project cost is estimated at \$3.9 million. Dependent on approval of the requested drainage use agreement and acquiring all applicable permits, construction is anticipated to begin in early 1997 and will require twelve months for completion.

SHORT TERM EFFECTS OF CONSTRUCTION

Short term effects during construction will have minimal interference with any park function since the area involved is a greenbelt along Williamson Creek in an undeveloped floodplain and is mostly inaccessible to the public. Most of the construction activities will be conducted within the existing permanent drainage easements and includes constructing a short levee/floodwall, upstream channel improvements, and subdivision drainage improvements. Ground disturbance in this area will include preconstruction clearing, trenching, material storage, vehicle tracking and soil compaction. There will be no traffic impacted by the construction of this project.

LONG TERM EFFECTS OF CONSTRUCTION

The only long term effect on the parkland due to construction will be the restriction of building structures or similar improvements within the permanent drainage use agreement areas. This is consistent with the restrictions placed on areas in floodways so no long term effects due to the project are anticipated. However, the parkland area will be increased by about 6 acres due to the addition of 20 properties adjacent to the creek which have previously been purchased and cleared by the City.

RESTORATION PLAN

All disturbed land and facilities will be restored to a condition equal to or better than that existing prior to construction. All disturbed grassed areas will likewise be restored and revegetated to a condition equal to or better than that existing prior to construction. Areas used for roadways,

parking, etc. will be tilled in order to remove any vehicle tracks and to loosen compacted soil prior to the preparation of the ground for revegetation.

A detailed tree survey and a tree evaluation were performed by the consulting engineer and is attached hereto. That survey determined that approximately 322 trees (4 inches in diameter and larger) in parkland would be affected by the construction. While 110 of these trees will be protected, 212 will be removed. However, the project will include replacement planting or payment of those trees in accordance with Parks and Recreation Department's (PARD's) "Construction in Parks Specifications". Appendix "B" provides the tree replacement plan in accordance with the Special Revegetation Criteria for Hill Country Roadway Sites. The consulting engineer estimates that restoration of construction will require planting of 545 large native trees, 1,090 small native trees and 3,270 native shrubs. Replacement planting cannot take place within the existing floodway in the greenbelt area as it will impede a floods flow. The species selection and replacement of all trees and shrubs will take place in areas out of the floodway and in public areas in the neighborhood and coordinated with PARD staff.

All such restoration will be completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin. All restoration in parkland will be completed in accordance with PARD's "Construction in Parks Specifications."

As with all City construction projects, the Contractor will have to provide a one year warranty on his work including such restoration, revegetation, and tree replacement.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of boat dock at 1871 Westlake Drive
File # SP-97-0020DS

A request has been received from B & G Construction, on behalf of Pat Eichenseer, to construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1871 Westlake Drive.

The Board, in 1995, gave conditional approval to construction of boat dock on this lot. The conditions imposed by the Board have been met in this request.

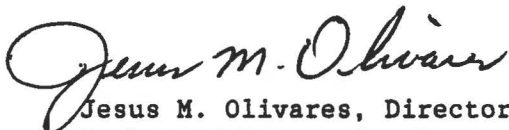
Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments) with the exception of navigation light stations being required on both outside corners.

The Navigation Committee considered this request at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 and gave their approval subject to the correct navigation light stations being provided.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1871 Westlake Drive, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-97-0020DS, subject to navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.



Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of boat dock at 1611 Manana
File # SP-97-0033DS

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises Inc., on behalf of Ted Regnier, to construct a covered two-slip boat dock at 1611 Manana.


Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments) with the exception of navigation light stations being required on both outside corners.

The Navigation Committee considered this request at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 and gave their approval subject to the correct navigation light stations being provided.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct a covered single-slip boat dock at 1611 Manana, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-97-0033DS, subject to navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.



Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of boat dock at 2913 Brass Buttons Trail
File # Sp-97-002DS

A request has been received from Hunter Carothers to construct a two-slip boat dock with upper deck at 2913 Brass Buttons Trail.

Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments) with the exception of the following:

1. A double sink is indicated on the upper deck. Sanitary facilities are prohibited on boat docks.
2. The boat dock is shown to be within the 10' side property line setback.
3. Navigation light stations are required on the two outside corners of the structure.

The Navigation Committee considered this request at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 and gave their approval to the request, subject to the above concerns being addressed.

The applicant has indicated that he will construct the boat dock to comply with the above requirements

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct a two-slip boat dock with upper deck at 2913 Brass Buttons Trail, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-97-002DS, subject to:

1. No sanitary facilities, including sinks, being provided on the boat dock.
2. The boat dock being constructed a minimum of 10' from the adjacent

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of Boat Dock at 709 River Road
File # SP_97-0016DS

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises Inc., on behalf of Margaret Graham, to construct a single-slip boat dock with upper level deck at 709 River Road.

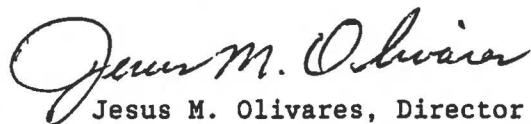
Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments).

The Navigation Committee considered this request at their meeting held on Tuesday, February 11, 1997 and gave their approval to the request.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct a single-slip boat dock with upper deck at 709 River Road, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-97-0016DS.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.

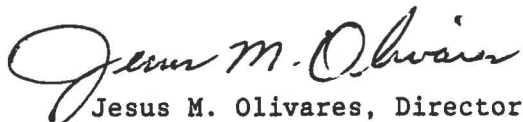


Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

side property line in accordance with Section 13-2-795(2) of the Land Development Code.

3. Navigation light stations being provided on both outside corners of the boat dock in accordance with Section 13-2-793(b)(2)(B)(2) of the Land Development Code.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesus M. Olivares".

Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

JMO:PM

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of retaining wall at 1216 Bruton Springs Road
File # SP-96-0327D

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises Inc., on behalf of Steve Deszo, to construct a sheet piling retaining wall at 1216 Bruton Springs Road.

The Navigation Committee has reviewed this proposal and requested additional information be provided to fully explain the project. The applicant has now satisfactorily addressed these concerns by submitting the additional information that was requested.

Parks and Recreation Department staff have reviewed the project and the site plans meet the requirements of Article VI, Division 4, Part E (Requirements for the Construction Of Boat Docks) of the Land Development Code (including all amendments).

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the request to construct a sheet piling retaining wall at 1216 Bruton Springs Road, in accordance with Site Plan # SP-96-0327D (revised).

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.



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Parks and Recreation Department

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: February 20, 1997

SUBJECT: Construction of boat dock at 2542 Scenic Drive
File # SP-96-0385

A request has been received from Signor Enterprises, on behalf of Scott Sayers, to construct a two-slip boat dock with upper deck at 2542 Scenic Drive.

The property, 2542 Scenic Drive, is immediately adjacent to City owned land used for an underground wastewater lift station and has approximately 130' of lake frontage. During the development of the Scenic Cove subdivision in the early 1980's the Parks Board and the City Council expressed concern about diminishing public access opportunities along Lake Austin and that this tract should be retained as open space to provide the public views to Lake Austin.

The City owned tract includes shoreline however, the property at 2542 Scenic Drive includes the inundated area of lake bed 20' out from the shoreline. The location of the proposed boat dock is in front of the city property 20' out from the shoreline connected by a walkway.

This location of the boat dock, in front of the city owned tract, will obscure views of the lake. This location will also require a variance from the 10' side property line set back.

There is an existing recessed slip, approximately 18' wide x 18' deep, located on the property.

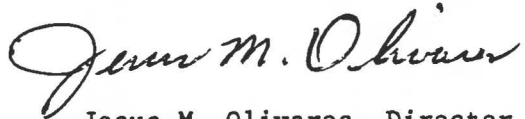
The Navigation Committee have considered this item but have not made a recommendation.

Recommendation

I recommend refusal of the request to construct a boat dock at the location proposed as it will obstruct views of Lake Austin from the

publicly owned property. Alternative locations along the shoreline of the property known as 2542 Scenic Drive are available.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please contact me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesus M. Olivares". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letter of "Jesus" being a large, stylized capital "J".

Jesus M. Olivares, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Parks & Recreation Board

FROM: Phil Friday

DATE: November 26, 1996

RE: 1997-98 Operating Budget: Increase in Park Maintenance Funding

As we previously discussed, there is reason to believe that Council may consider as much as \$750,000 in additional park maintenance funding in 1997-98.

Set out below are proposed increases in specific categories. The proposals represent an expanded version of the recommendation we made last August for the 1996-97 budget year, which totaled \$500,000.

Playscapes	\$300,000
Creating a special maintenance team for on-going inspections and repair	
Surfaces & Courts	50,000
Painting or resurfacing 12 basketball and tennis courts per year for six years	
Forestry	120,000
Implementing a forestry and safe trim program for high activity areas within parks, i.e., pools, playscapes, trails and picnic areas	
Pests: Fire Ants	5,000
Physical Plant	275,000
Expanding a preventative inspection and maintenance program which would concentrate primarily on recreation centers and other areas as needed	
Total	\$750,000

In regard to the "Playscapes" recommendation, the addition of \$300,000 to the annual budget would permit PARD to dedicate a maintenance team to on-going inspection and repair of PARD's sixty-something playscapes. At present, much of the playscape repair is done on an ad hoc basis in response to complaints. The repairs themselves are handled out of PARD's District Offices, which is a less efficient way than by utilizing a maintenance crew dedicated to playscape repair.

In regard to the "Physical Plant" recommendation, we can expect to receive the support of the various local advisory boards. Every neighborhood facility constantly has a list of maintenance needs. At the present time, PARD is able to serve only twenty-six neighborhood facilities in its on-going preventive maintenance program. Appropriation of additional funds would enable them to increase the numbers of facilities which are regularly served, and increase the work now being done at the other facilities.

The foregoing recommendations are consistent with the earlier recommendations of the Parks Maintenance Task Force. The Task Force Report was based in part upon an assessment by PARD staff of its most urgent maintenance needs.

TO: Rosemary Castleberry

FROM: Patricia A. Calhoun

Date: 2-13-97

I am a resident of the St. John Neighborhood; vice-president of the St. John's Neighborhood Association, a community advocate, and most importantly a mother of 3 sons (1 school-ager and two teens). I have also been called the "Kool-Aid Mom". I love my community and desire to see the best for all of us who live in the St. John area. I have been informed by word of mouth that the City of Austin is considering a Recreation Center to be possibly located in our community. If this is true I desire consideration of my family's input regarding this matter.

I have lived approximately 7 years in the St. John's Community. I moved from the Northwest Austin area. My sons and I had a difficult time adjusting in the beginning. I observed and/or have experienced my community being an identified site for drug dealers to conduct business and an area for temporary housing for illegal immigrants. Some of these activities have occurred in front of my home. A sheriff did a U-turn in my front yard; I personally have been harrassed by Police officers that had no just cause to do so. I also observed a child being run over, street fights, domestic violence, dogs such as Dobermans, Pit Bulls, and mixed breeds running loose in the neighborhood. Unfortunately my son has been the victim of being bit by a dog that had not received his rabies shots. In the duplexes I observed up to 24 people living in one duplex. I've observed drive by shootings, speeding, the homeless sleeping at the park and in vacant houses, frightened senior citizens, drug and illegal immigrants raids, youth destroying private property, gangs, a need for on-going senior citizen programs, our streets

being used at high speed for illegal through way traffic, a need for more street lights, traffic lights and speed bumps, no community schools nor libraries, high priced neighborhood stores, no comprehensive youth programs nor youth centers within the highway boundaries that surround our neighborhood. And to top all of this Pizza Hut has refused to deliver after dark to the St. John's Community. We have begun a formal and informal campaign to resolve many of these issues.

Our community is very unique; we are a multi-culture community. Our community is made up of predominantly African Americans and Hispanics. Our residents have lived in St. Johns from a couple of days to 100 plus years. We are rich with history, talents and diverse cultures. Many of the residents are related. We have numerous churches and within the last couple of years changes for the good are occurring. Several small home businesses exist in our community. What I find most interesting is that we we love each other regardless of our differences. Together we have become one entity to address all issues of concerns.

I know you may wonder what are we doing to make a difference? I believe we have done and will continue to do a lot! Our Neighborhood Association has accomplished much in the past few years. We are becoming an incorporated organization. We have and will continue to address needs of the entire community. We take a wholistic viewpoint without regard to race, religion nor creed. We acknowledge the need for educating all. We have begun establishing rapport with various agencies and businesses for support. We have residents whom work for the city and county. We attend various related training and meetings (if we are given advance notice), we have become involved in our children's schools, various community projects, we are part of the door to door activities and surveys that occur, etc. We have a faithful few residents that have made the choice to get involved and take back the community from anyone or anything that's not conducive to positive

progress. We are human and we do not always see eye to eye but we all have the same goal "to make a difference in our community".

I'm sure you hear this story from other communities. I am writing this letter in hopes that you will highly consider our community as one of the areas in great need of a facility for youth and adults. We need a building and resources. We have been identified by federal funded programs and the City of Austin to be a targeted at risk neighborhood. What does being identified as at risk really mean? A way for others to get money or a way for others to get money and filter it in to a community to make a difference that can be measured by change not by reports. I feel we are not at risk, but disabled when it comes to having a foundation for our community goals. What tangible resources do we really have? Programs federally funded? Money here today and gone tomorrow? Monies used to pay for staff not programs? Where is our gym? The schools? Is it fair that we pay to use the schools, knowing that there are many families that can't meet basic needs such as food and utilities? Is it practical or safe to allow our young children to cross the busy highways to go to other programs? Where's the nearest pool? The St. Johns pool which is the size of pools (or smaller) located in the privacy of a person's home? Both grown-ups and youth fight to get there early due to the pool being so small. When patrons arrive, you splash because it's little to no room to swim. The staff is usually young and unqualified... they sit, read books and shoot the children with pellets. Well, how about a library? Would our children enjoy checking out and reading books, enjoying and participating in puppet shows, etc.? What about a park, we have a no-name park, during the summer it 's so hot the children resent going. Where is the building for the children and adults to cool off in? We do have the community center. I guess we should settle for that and be happy? I'm so confused. I moved out of a neighborhood that had a school, park, nearby gym, grocery store and much more. Should I move? I don't think so. I want to be a part of those who want to make a difference. I too have a dream, a dream to see my children

along with other children have at the least an opportunity, to have options and choices. I'm not asking for "No Hand Outs", just concrete and tangible resources. I want to partner-up and challenge the City and County to give to our community a facility. We are in great need of a multi-purpose center. This will not resolve all of our problems, but it would reduce crime, youth mischief, offer a safe and close place for the elderly to attend, a place for our teens who are in college to study and or workout, a place to hold meetings, programs and much, much more. Just thinking about it...makes every bit of the time I spend toward this endeavor well worth it. Yes, a dream I await to come true. But will it be a reality. We need your support!

I along with others in my community have worked with the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Program. I personally appreciate your support thus far. A lady known to the community as Ms. Mini has provided us with so much support. She's visible and tangible to children and adults. I realize she represent your program and I would like to formally thank her and acknowledge her contributions. Ms. Mini has shown she care in her actions not just her words. She has hung in there, being sensitive to the communities needs as well as the different cultures and concerns that exist. Hiring Bi-lingual staff as well as English speaking staff, keeping us abreast of her programs, attending numerous early morning, late evenings, weekend and other after hour's meetings. She has initiated several programs, chaperoned for several projects, personally volunteered and so on. Ms. Mini has definitely been supportive and I would rate her as an exceptional liaison appointed to work with us. However it's only so much that she can do. She has worked collaboratively with us by supporting our only neighborhood youth program, Taking Action. Ms. Mini has brought in various seasonal type sports for all ages as well as co-ed. I was sorry to here that Mr. Tony is no longer in our community. He had just begun to make a positive influence on some of our male youths.

During one of our Neighborhood Association meetings, our group listed immediate priorities and concerns, with our youth of course making the top 10 list. I have been taught we have not because we ask not. I am asking that our community be considered as the area for a multi-purpose center and programs that can offer challenges and opportunities to all those living in our community.

I appreciate the time you have taken to even consider reading my letter. I would like for you to respond in writing to acknowledge receipt of my letter. I would also like to be notified in the future when my community qualifies for various projects and or what I as a resident can do to support your endeavors in building self-contained communities. I can be reached by phone at 451-4236 and by mail at P.O. Box 16122, Austin 78761-122.

Sincerely,

Patricia, Joseph, Chris, and J. J